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SUBJECT: THE BLUMENFELD AFFAIR

REF: MOSCOW 2989, LENINGRAD 0227 (NOTAL),

1. FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM VISITED LENINGRAD LAST WEEK AND CONVEYED TO FRG CONSUL GENERAL BLUMENFELD BONN'S ASSURANCES OF COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND ASKED LATTER TO STAY ON AND RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES. BLUMENFELD HAS AGREED TO DO SO ALTHOUGH HE OBSERVES THIS IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE. IN ANY CASE HE NOW PLANS TO REMAIN FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS "TO SEE IF IT IS STILL POSSIBLE" FOR HIM TO PERFORM A USEFUL FUNCTION HERE.

2. COMMENT: BLUMENFELD IS CLEARLY OF TWO MINDS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF STAYING IN LENINGRAD. HE HAS OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED HIS TIME HERE AND HAS A WIDE CIRCLE OF ACQUAINTANCES AND FRIENDS. AT THE SAME TIME HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO ASSOCIATE WITH HIM AS HE RESUMES HIS USUAL ACTIVITIES. WE WOULD GUESS THAT THE LATTER CONSIDERATION WILL INEVITABLY INHIBIT HIM EVEN THOUGH, OVERTLY, HIS OFFICIAL STATUS WILL SURVIVE INTACT. NEUBERT

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